



Assistance League® Tulsa

MISSION : Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

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Bargains Prepares for the Holidays!

Bargains Thrift Store is a vital part of Assistance League® of Tulsa! The commitment of the volunteers and the incredible teamwork makes Bargains a great shopping experience for all the customers. The success of the store provides the funds for our programs in the community. It takes many volunteers every day, but extra help is needed as we move into the holidays. It's not just all work though—fun, friendship (and food) are shared daily at Bargains.

The Day Chairs and other “elves” are busy getting the store ready for all the wonderful Christmas and holiday items for sale. Come and join us!



Judy Roberts (red cape) oversees the many Christmas items that will be priced and prepared for sale. Judy works very hard in this department, making sure all the items are high quality. Also pictured are Millie Parks, Michele Morris, and Marilyn Brill.



Volunteers sort through items to be placed in the store. Unique holiday items are being carefully placed on display to entice the shoppers.



Bargains Day Chairs make holiday plans.

Bargains Holiday Schedule

- Thanksgiving 11/28—**CLOSED**
- We will be **OPEN** Friday, 11/29 and Saturday, 11/30. Many members will be traveling and workers are needed the holiday weekend.
- Bargains is **CLOSED** December 22—January 5. We will stage the store on Monday, January 6 and re-open for business on Tuesday, January 7.

We hope to continue our current hours throughout the winter months. Please consider working until 5 pm on Thursdays or Saturdays.

Help Wanted: Bargains Loyalty Program

Bargains is rolling out a new Loyalty Program utilizing the SQUARE Point of Sale app. One or two people are needed to manage the database and generate sale information for shoppers. Contact Linda Atwater or Nancy Kirby for more information.

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Operation School Bell® students keep busy while they are waiting to shop or after they have finished. They color, play with toys, read or draw on the chalk boards.



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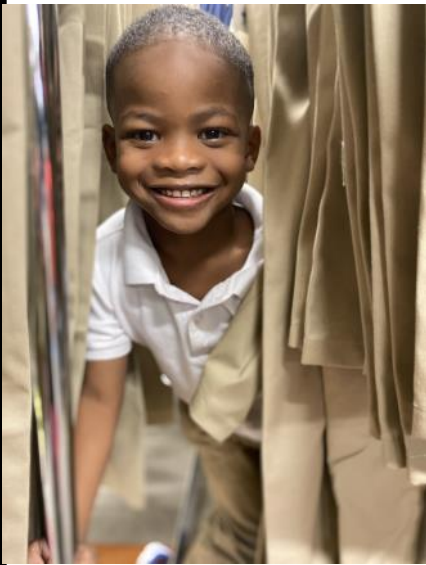
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President's Message By Marianne Pickering



In 2025, this precious kindergartener will be entering Middle School. Between now and then, he will grow taller and stronger. He will master some skills and struggle with others. His baby teeth will fall out and be replaced with a brand new set. Through all these changes, we hope he keeps wearing that winning smile!

Where will Assistance League® Tulsa be in five years? How will we advance our Mission of transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs? Will we be closer to our Vision for a future where essential needs are met in our community and families flourish?

Over the coming months, AL Tulsa will be creating a new Five-Year Strategic Plan. This plan will serve as a roadmap to help us navigate our way to 2025! AL Tulsa is a member driven organization and your participation in developing our new plan is important.

- What are the underlying needs and key characteristics of the populations we want to serve?
- What specific programs should we offer to these populations?
- What actions by AL Tulsa will result in the impacts we aspire to achieve?
- What workforce, skills, systems and tools do we need to be successful?

As our committees look to the future, we will take time to think about our unique strengths and weaknesses. How will we maintain our high standards of service over the coming years? How can our challenges be turned into opportunities that better meet the needs of our community? Insight from our non-profit partners will provide guidance, but YOU are a valued expert because YOU do the work.

Look again at the photo at the top of this page. Ready to help us plan the next five years?



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

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Please consider leaving a gift to Operation School Bell® in your estate plans. You'll help ensure that our program's good work lives on.



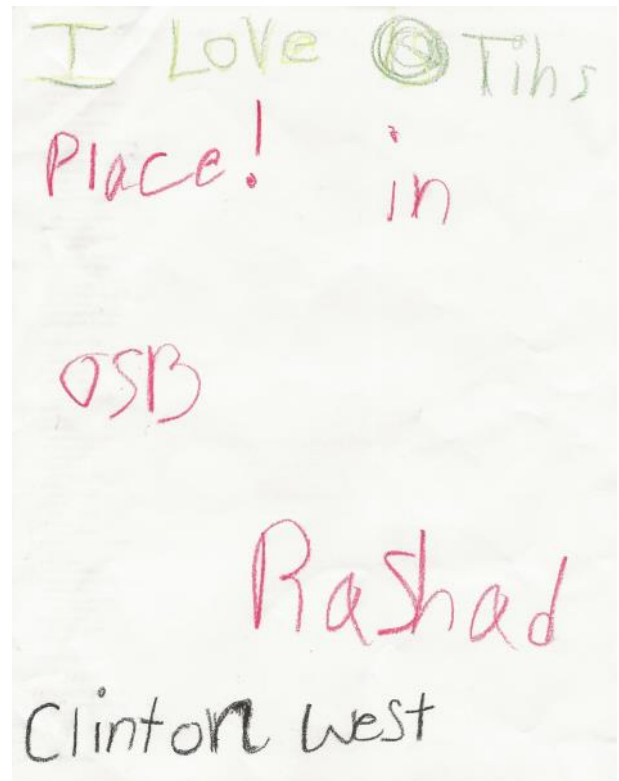
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New Feature—Kid's Quotes!

At OSB we hear a range of comments from the students we serve. If you have heard a funny, sweet, or even challenging comment from a student, please share them in the newsletter! Here are some examples:

- Student to volunteer: "Why do you do this?" (helping children select clothes)
- "I'm having a *fabulous* day!" (selecting shoes)
- "I'm sorry I'm wasting your time." (a hard-to-fit student. He was assured he was not wasting the volunteer's time)
- "Look! A PENCIL!" (showing student the Personal Care kits)

We still have several weeks remaining in this season at OSB, and we need lots of volunteers to help the students. Please use SignUp Genius, call the Day or Desk Chair, or contact Sam Keel to volunteer. There have been significant shortages in volunteers, so please come to help—you'll be so glad you did!





AL Tulsa Builds a Home on Route 66

Assistance League® Tulsa dramatically enlarged its programs, fundraising, membership and facilities in the 1990s. The construction of our very own building on Route 66 was the realization of a dream 28 years in the making. Doris and Howard Mahler and AL members spirited a successful capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. Bargains A.L.O.T. Thrift Shop occupied half of the new building; the other half was devoted to Operation School Bell®. OSB extended services to 13 area school districts, transporting children onsite to receive needed clothing and the personal attention of a member volunteer.



Fundraising grew with the "Sock Market" mail campaign. Inspired by the stock market, donors were encouraged to invest in our children's futures with a direct contribution. Today, AL Tulsa's annual letter campaign remains a significant source of revenue for OSB.

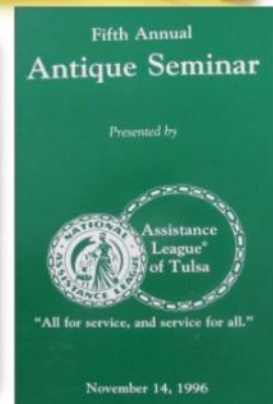


Have you sent in your donation for 2019-2020?

↑ First customer makes a purchase at the new Bargains A.L.O.T. Thrift Shop at 3408 E. 11th Street.

"Friendship House" hosted events & activities for the families of International students attending the University of Tulsa. →

↓ AL Tulsa's annual Antique Seminar was a major fundraiser. Held in a hotel venue, it featured notable speakers, a vintage fashion show and "Antique Alley" exhibitors. Of the \$40 ticket price, \$21 went to support Operation School Bell®.



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Mission

Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

Vision

Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.

Values

Commitment - showing compassion for all

Accountability - being fiscally responsible to our donors and our community

Leadership - demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical

Respect - appreciating and considering others

Self-esteem - enhancing success in the people we serve



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Volunteers celebrate fall with costumes, food and shopping for members only at Bargains.